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For: ACCELERATING A DISTRIBUTED
COMPONENT ARCHITECTURE OVER
A NETWORK USING A MODIFIED RPC
COMMUNICATION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form 1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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 - the Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) (see "Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)" below).
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 - the fee of \$180 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) (see "Fees" below).
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- A copy of the foreign search report is enclosed herewith.
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EXAMINER

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*A concise statement of relevance is being submitted in lieu of a translation. 37 CFR § 1.98(b).